

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**Appln No. 09/277,198**

*D'ncld.* bridge portions comprising circumferential portions connecting said axially parallel portions to each other within each of said three phases of windings;

wherein inner circumferential surfaces of said bridge portions are placed at least close to the axial end surfaces of said stator core in the direction of the central axis of said stator core, so that the spatial ratio occupied by said stator windings belonging to said bridge portions exposed beyond said axial end surfaces of said stator core, has a high density.

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